

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Aaron Gurley, and Nick Culley (Student Liaison) answered roll call. Mike Daubenspeck arrived after the roll was called. Bob Bridges was not present.

PUBLIC HEARING: Smiley Avenue/Alley Segment Vacation – The meeting was opened for a public hearing on the vacation of Smiley Avenue. Scott Barnes and the Laker family were present. Mayor Pavey asked if there were any questions or comments. Berkemeier said he went by the area and didn't see any issues with it being vacated. Commissioner Miller said there is a storm sewer in the middle of the alley. Superintendent Day also warned them of the storm sewer line in this area. There was no further discussion; Berkemeier moved to close the public hearing. Marzon seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Marzon moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

Councilman Daubenspeck arrived.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Councilman Berkemeier thanked Les Day for sending an update and keeping Council informed.

Marzon said he had the opportunity to attend a utility meeting. He said he was impressed with the board and that there was good discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – We are pretty close to wrapping up. Gateway and the Overlook should be completed this spring.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** –
- **APC/BZA** –
- **Housing** – Moving forward.
- **Cherry Street Extension** –
- **Diversity and Inclusion Council** –

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Munson passed out his annual report.

Street – Commissioner Miller said they found an issue with some of the street lights on Main Street blinking on and off. They haven't been able to determine what the problem is. He will contact Rosfeld to take a look.

Utility – Superintendent Day said they had an issue with an employee that had been off work for several days. Day sent word to him on several occasions and told him he needed to submit documentation from the doctor. However, the employee never provided any documentation.

They continue Investigating potential well sites, but have not had any success so far.

Police – Chief Tucker said they had to replace a power supply last week that was original to the building.

Tucker reported they he went to Greensburg last week to see how their records management software works.

The next 2 Thursdays the police and fire departments will have a speaker come to discuss leadership for first responders and first responder's mental health.

Park – Director Burklow said pool applications are due by February 19th.

He said the Overlook is consuming a lot of their time. He reported that the piping is in for the splash pad. They received the last piece of playground equipment.

He has had some discussion regarding the ball leagues for this year. They will be meeting in the near future.

Animal – Director Hanna said they have been working on ordinances for the County. She said we also need to update our contract with the County.

She is working with Dr. Phillips and Buck Creek on a spay and neuter program.

Code – Director Jenkins reported that we have received our IPEP grant money. He has ordered equipment.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Rushville Property Revitalization Program In Process 1900 N Main** – The Board of Works approved the bid on the property. We will proceed with a lease agreement with the Rynards. They scored 60 out of 60.
2. **Protest Guidelines:** Copies will be sent for review.
 - a. Ordinance 2021-6 Noise Ordinance –
 - b. Ordinance 2021-7 Special Events –
3. **Ordinance 2021-2 Animal Shelter Adoption Fee Ordinance** – Mayor Pavey said he wanted to make sure everything was in proper order with this ordinance. Newhouse said he will clean-up the ordinance.
4. **Animal Shelter Credit Card** – Mayor Pavey has been discussing their use of credit cards. Copley said she will set up a meeting with PayGov.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Neighborhood Development** –
 - a. **Ordinance 2021-3 Smiley Avenue Vacation** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2021-3. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - b. **Ordinance 2021-4 Thoroughfare Functional Classification Map** – The Plan Commission gave this a favorable recommendation. Berkemeier said this is built so it can be slid into the comprehensive plan if needed. Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2021-4. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - c. **Ordinance 2021-5 City of Rushville Comprehensive Plan Update** – Brian Sheehan and Cory Daly gave a quick presentation of the Comprehensive Plan. It updates our 2014 plan and sets a roadmap for the next several years. We need to have a comprehensive plan in order to receive some grants. The plan can be reviewed on the City's website. We had over 1000 survey responses. There is more focus on housing this time. Berkemeier said this represents somewhat of a bible for the Advisory Plan Commission. Council needs to familiarize themselves with this for us to be able to accomplish our goals. Our survey participation was very good and it helps us know what the community wants us to accomplish. We do not plan to double or triple our population we just want to be a better community. Daubenspeck moved to approve Ordinance 2021-5. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOU with Health Department - Berkemeier moved to approve the MOU with the County Health Department to help as general aid in time of need. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Update: Mayor Pavey reported that our numbers are getting better. The age for vaccinations just went down to age 65. 50 or older can get on a waiting list for cancellations so meds are not wasted. The Board of Works gave the authority to have an HR Council for Covid decisions to fill the gap until new legislation is put in place.

CLAIMS: Berkemeier moved to approve the claims as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Daubenspeck moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.